

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-16, 18, and 55 are pending in the present application.

In the office action mailed January 25, 2007, the Examiner allowed all claims except for the formal matters of claims 12-15 depending from cancelled claim 2. Note that the Examiner indicated that claims 12-16 depend from cancelled claim 2. However, claim 16 is an independent claim. It is assumed for the purpose of this response that the Examiner intended to identify claims 12-15 as depending from cancelled claim 2.

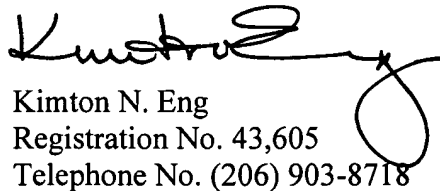
Claims 12-15 have been amended to depend from claim 1 to correct the Examiner's objection.

Information disclosure statements were submitted on November 2, 2006 and January 12, 2007. Applicant requests the Examiner consider the references cited in each Form PTO-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statements and provide the attorney of record with a signed and initialed copy of each Form PTO-1449.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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